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Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to share concerns about the encampment at 28<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as smoke from the fires at the encampment is impacting Allina Health's central lab, located in our tenth avenue facility,

between Abbott Northwestern and Midtown Global Market. Central lab is responsible for processing thousands of tests each day from across the metro. On Wednesday evening central lab staff elevated concerns that there was strong smoke odors in the facility and it was determined the smoke was coming from the fires at the nearby homeless encampment.

MPD was notified, thank you Inspector Gomez for you and your team's quick response.

Allina Health took immediate mitigation measures to ensure the safety of our staff including additional HEPA fan units with charcoal media, charcoal media was added to Air Handling Units and bringing in a third-party Industrial Hygienist to conduct an IAQ assessment of the area on 2/22 and 2/23.

We recognize the encampments are indicative of the larger housing issues and have compassion for the people living there and appreciate the city's efforts to combat the issue.

Thanks,

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